#7 I CAN'T PROTECT YOU

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SUMMARY

In order to resuscitate Chie-chan, Osaka hurriedly tries to give mouth to mouth, but before that she wakes up

※ KONACCHAN IS KONATSU-SENSEI'S NICKNAME

THANKS TO YOUR SWIFT EMERGENCY RESPONSE YOU WERE ABLE TO SAVE ONE'S PRECIOUS LIFE!
NO, NO, KONACCHAN... HE DIDN'T EVEN MANAGE TO START GIVING BREATHS
RATHER, JUST NOW,
DIDN'T THAT SEEM MORE LIKE A PRINCE WAKING A PRINCESS WITH A "KISS"...?

Miyahara Chiko

A first year student at Shinmeisaka High. Somehow managed to drown deep to being a robot? We'll explain on the next page!

Ousaka Ryouhei

For some reason tried to give Chiko-chan mouth-to-mouth despite knowing she was a robot? We'll explain on the next page!

Nekoyashiki Aya

First year at Shinmeisaki High watcher! Outside give mouth-to-mouth and somehow get embarrassed? Sorry, no explanations on the next page

HUH!?
YOU JUST LOST SIGNAL FOR A BRIEF MOMENT!?

BY... BY SIGNAL YOU MEAN THE ONE CONTROLLING THE DRONE?
...YES
I'M CLUMSY SO I MESSED UP

I lost communication
and before I knew it my consciousness had returned to the real me
and forgot that the signal degrades underwater

SO IF YOU LOSE CONNECTION YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS TO THE REAL YOU?
YEP.
THAT'S WHY WHEN I FELL INTO THE RIVER I TOOK THE HEADPHONES OFF RIGHT AWAY
OTHERWISE IF MY CONSCIOUSNESS WAS STILL THERE WHEN I LANDED IT'D HURT.....
AAAHHH, I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE.
I THINK I MIGHT'VE ACTUALLY REALIZED
THAT YOU'RE A ROBOT FOR THE FIRST TIME
THOSE LIPS WERE SO WARM AND SOFT
YET THEY BELONGED TO A ROBOT..

Over-heating

WAIT, DOES THAT MEAN THOSE LIPS WOULD'VE FELT EXACTLY LIKE THE REAL THING!?
IT'S JUST THAT I TOTALLY FORGOT THAT YOU WERE A ROBOT THEN AND ..
AH, NO, NO, SORRY.
She's burning!?
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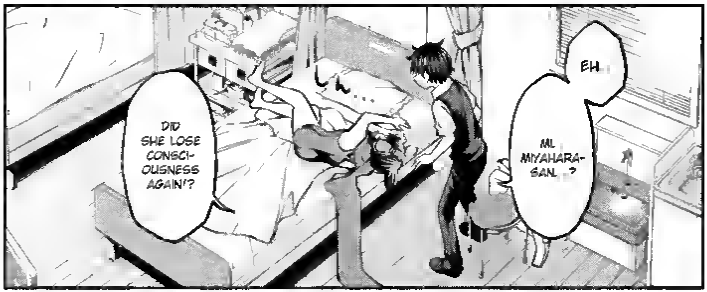
WOAH!?


EH
MI MIYAHARA-SAN...?
DID SHE LOSE CONSCI-OUSNESS AGAIN!?

MAYBE, IF WE THINK IN TERMS OF TECH-NOLOGY
IT'S LIKE WHEN SOMETHING GETS TOO HOT IT SHUTS DOWN...!?
I KNOW THAT HAPPENS TO MY LAPTOP AT HOME, BUT SURELY IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO...
...BUT MORE IMPOR-TANTLY,
WHAT THE HECK AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW...

SENSEI SAID THAT IT'D BE OKAY FOR HER TO
OUSAKA, IS CHIKO-CHAN AROUND?
OOO!!!

GO HOME NOW..

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I-IDIOT! THAT'S NOT IT! I'M PUTTING THEM ON HER!!
I... I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'VE ALREADY GONE SO FAR AS TO START TAKING HER CLOTHES OFF--!!

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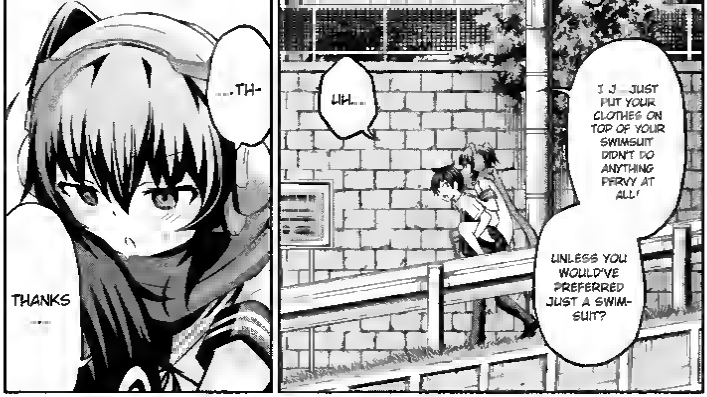
Re-booted

HAH...
AH, YOU'RE BACK!

MY CLOTHES!?
YOU DRESSED ME!?

I DRESSED YOU AND GOT YOU OUT OF SCHOOL LIKE THIS.
IT'D BE TROUBLESOME IF ANYONE FOUND YOU WHILE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS WAS GONE, WOULDN'T IT?
AH...
UH?


...TH-
THANKS
UH...
I J...JUST PUT YOUR CLOTHES ON TOP OF YOUR SWIMSUIT DIDN'T DO ANYTHING PERVY AT ALL!
UNLESS YOU WOULD'VE PREFERRED JUST A SWIM-SUIT?

... BUT REALLY,
WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO JUMP INTO THE POOL?
AH,
NO PROBS.
As always a nice voice.

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WEREN'T YOU JUST GOING TO WATCH?

I'M A SHUT-IN...
BECAUSE

so I haven't stepped outside my own home for many years...
that if I went outside I'd get myself killed for sure
I'm so clumsy

EH?
AH
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...YOU SEE,
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I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT
THAT MAYBE IF I COULD GO TO SCHOOL

YEAH.
YEARS!? MANY YEARS!?
YOU MEAN THE REAL YOU...!?

I'D WANT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A NORMAL SCHOOL LIFE LIKE ANY OTHER STUDENT
AND I'D WANT TO GO SWIM IN THE POOL
AND FIX MY CLUMSINESS AND ALSO MAKE FRIENDS

IS SO YOU CAN STILL MANAGE TO GO TO SCHOOL EVEN WITHOUT GOING OUTSIDE YOURSELF!?
THE REASON WHY YOU USE DRONES THAT ARE PERFECT COPIES OF YOURSELF

EH? SO BASICALLY...
BUT WHEN IT ACTUALLY CAME TO DOING IT, IT DIDN'T GO TOO WELL...

I...
I SEE...

THAT'S WHY
USING A ROBOT THAT SEEMS STRAIGHT OUT OF SCI-FI FOR HER OWN PURPOSES IS A BIT...
BUT THEN AGAIN, BEING ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL EVEN WHILE BEING A SHUT-IN, HOW NOVEL...!
Must be mine!

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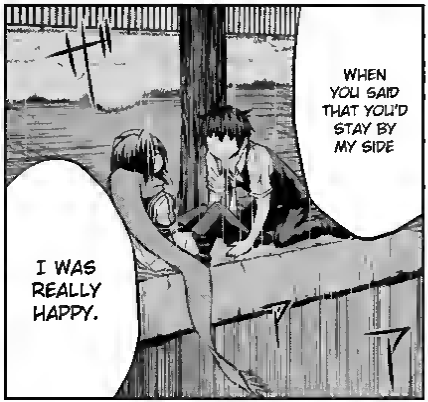
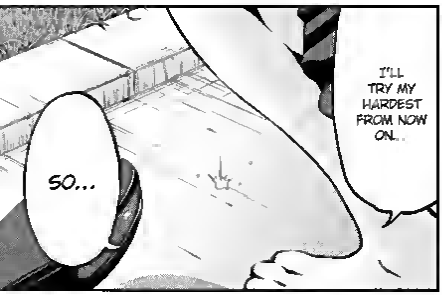
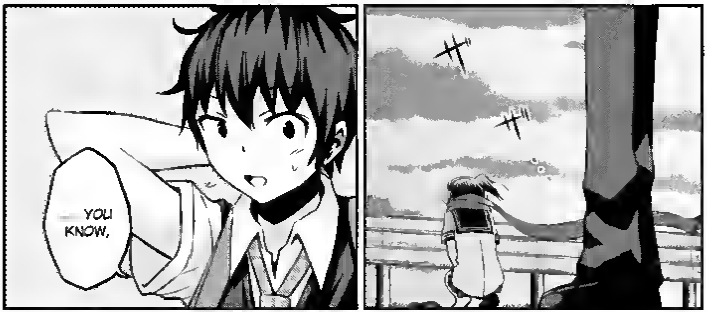

WHEN YOU SAID THAT YOU'D STAY BY MY SIDE
I WAS REALLY HAPPY.

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GIVE YOU ANYTHING IN RETURN...
SO FAR..


SO...
I'LL TRY MY HARDEST FROM NOW ON..

...BUT

IF YOU COULD STILL .
UM..


YOU KNOW,

SEEING YOU SULK AND CRY AND FIDGET
AND NOT BE ABLE TO SAY WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY
REALLY MAKES YOU SEEM HUMAN, MIYAHARA-SAN.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A ROBOT

... THAT'S WHY I'LL PROTECT YOU!
YOU AND YOUR HIGHSCHOOL LIFE...!
I'LL BECOME YOUR GUARDIAN!!
AND THEN, YOU CAN MAKE FRIENDS WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT DRAGGING THEM INTO YOUR CLUMSINESS!
YOU CAN HAVE A NORMAL... NO, A FUN HIGHSCHOOL LIFE!
BECAUSE I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
EVEN IF YOU'RE A REMOTELY OPERATED ROBOT,
I'LL THINK OF YOU AS THE REAL YOU AND PROTECT YOU PROPERLY!

...SO TRY YOUR BEST TO FIX YOUR CLUMSINESS
AND SOMEDAY, LET ME HEAR YOUR REAL VOICE...
OKAY?
...YEAH.
I'LL TRY!

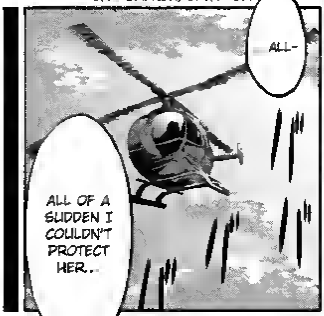
BUT UM... TH... THE PERSON
W...WELL, ALSO...
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I GUESS I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAY THIS IF YOU WERE IN A PINCH

SHIRONEKO
THAT I FELL IN LOVE WITH..
GUWAH!?

GASP
DID MIYAHARA-SAN GET...
WU- WHAT'S WITH THAT TRUCK? THAT WAS DANGEROUS, SHEESH!

HIT?

SFX: CRUNCH, SPLATTER



I'll be in your care.
Ha... Hang on, my heart's still all shaken...
And so began my days of "being unable to protect her".
30 minutes later
Ah... I'm Unit 4.
I come in casual clothes.
But
I would soon come to know just how difficult it would prove
to protect someone.
NEXT TIME, A NEW DEVELOPMENT!
PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO IT!!

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